

Survey Calendar

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Habitats				UK Habitat Classification, NVC surveys & BNG condition assessment surveys									
			River Corridor Assessment						Ditch Corridor Assessment				
Breeding birds			Breeding birds										
Wintering and migratory birds	Winter birds		Migrant birds						Migrant birds		Winter birds		
Badger		Bait marking & sett/activity surveys			Sub-optimal for bait marking & sett surveys				Bait marking & sett/activity surveys				
Bat roost assessment	Preliminary assessment and daytime bat walkover surveys												
Bats: Buildings	Hibernation surveys only				Emergence surveys						Hibernation surveys only		
Bats: Land parcels				Activity surveys									
Hazel dormice	Nut survey only		Survey equipment deployment	Nest tube surveys									
									Nut survey				
Great crested newt			Pond surveys				Terrestrial & larvae surveys only		Terrestrial surveys only				
			eDNA surveys										
Otter	Otter surveys												
Reptiles				Reptile surveys			Less suitable (weather dependent)		Reptile surveys				
Water vole				Water vole surveys									
White-clawed crayfish (W.C.C)				W.C.C surveys	Torchlight surveys only		W.C.C surveys						

Legend

Optimal survey time

Sub-optimal survey time

Surveys not recommended / specific tasks only

Mitigation Calendar

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Habitats	Planting and translocation			No mitigation for the majority of species / habitats						Planting and translocation		
Birds	Advice to be sought	Vegetation clearance works preceded by nesting bird check								Advice to be sought		
Badger	No sett disturbance. Artificial sett creation may be undertaken						Closing / destruction of setts					
Bats	Site-specific advice required from professional bat ecologist											
Hazel dormice				Catch & release		Works restricted – dormouse breeding season			Catch & release			
				Ground clearance					Ground clearance			
	Above-ground vegetation clearance (to 300mm above ground only) - April weather-dependant										Above-ground vegetation clearance	
Great crested newt	Pond management only		Terrestrial and aquatic trapping				Terrestrial trapping only				Pond management only	
Otter	Only restricted by proximity to breeding and resting sites											
Reptiles	Above ground vegetation clearance only		Capture and translocation				Less effective (weather dependent)				Above ground vegetation clearance only	
Water vole	Habitat creation (for translocation)		Trapping / exclusion						Trapping / exclusion		Habitat creation (for translocation)	

Legend

Mitigation possible

Sub-optimal period/restricted methods

Mitigation not recommended / specific tasks only

This mitigation calendar is a guide to the typical seasonal windows identified in best practice guidance. A number of mitigation methods are available throughout the year depending on the individual situation and some may be subject to suitable weather conditions. Mitigation licenses will be required to control the above works in most circumstances.